



LMVO

Low Mountain Veterans Organization



Commander – Melvin Harrison

Vice Commander – Christen L. Ben

Recorder – Roger B. George

**LOW MOUNTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (LMVO)
REGULAR VETERANS MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2025 @ 1000 AM**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Melvin Harrison, Commander**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION All in attendance**
- III. ROLL CALL/QUORUM: Roger B. George, Recorder**
- IV. REVIEW/ADOPT AGENDA/LEAVE AGENDA OPEN:**
 - 1. [M] _____ [S] _____
Vote: Favor _____ Oppose _____ Abstain _____
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - 1. December 03, 2025, LMC Planning Meeting at 0900 AM
 - 2. December 07, 2025, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - 3. December 8, 2025, LMVO Monthly Veteran's Meeting at 1000 AM
 - 4. December 11, 2025, LMC Regular Chapter Meeting at 0900 AM
 - 5. December 21, 2025, Winter Begins/Nilch'ih Tsoh (BIG WIND)
 - 6. December 24, 2025, Keshmish Eve
 - 7. December 25, 2025, Keshmish Day
 - 8. December 31, 2025, New Year's Eve
- VI. REPORTS:**
 - 1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander
 - 2. Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander
 - 3. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder
 - 4. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President
 - 5. Paula S. Begay, VSO NNVA Central Agency Office
 - 6. Benjamin Benallie, AMS
 - 7. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: (UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
 - 1. LMVO-2026-02: LMVO Plan of Operation
[M] _____ [S] _____
Vote: Favor _____ Opposed _____ Abstain _____
 - 2. Continuation LMVO Veterans List Update/Discussion.



VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Optional Use Chapter Veterans Funds (Fund 16)
LMVO/LMC FY 2025 Carry Over \$2,134.71/FY 2026 \$5,000.00/Balance \$17,134.71
2. INTEREST Honor Guard Procedures 5-6 Veteran Volunteers ???

IX. OTHERS: None

X. NEXT MEETING DATE:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:



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Pro-Tem Vice Commander – Evelyn Begay

Recorder – Roger B. George

LOW MOUNTAIN VETERANS ORGANIZATION (LMVO) REGULAR MONTHLY VETERANS MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2025 @ 1000 AM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander called the Regular Veterans Meeting to order at 1049 AM.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INVOCATION:** Pledge of Allegiance conducted by all in attendance
- III. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** Roger B. George, Recorder conducted the Roll Call as follows and quorum present. *
 1. Evelyn Begay, Surviving Spouse (Sampson Begay, veteran) *
 2. Evelyn Begay, Representing son Bradley Chee, veteran
 3. Geneva John, Surviving Spouse (Ernest John, veteran) *
 4. Phoebe Begay, Surviving Spouse (Archie Begay, veteran) *
 5. Sylvia Brown, surviving Spouse (Randell Brown, veteran) *
 6. Robryan Wartz, veteran *
 7. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander *
 8. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder *
 9. Elroy Gonnig, veteran *
 10. Ronald Little, veteran *
 11. D'lea ER, veteran – google.com call – In
 12. Alberta Deschner, visitor
 13. Calvin Chee, veteran google.com call – In
 14. Roselyn white, family member visitor
 15. Mary L. Chee, Surviving Spouse (David M. Chee, veteran) *
 16. Cassandra Attakai, Spouse Representing Alexander Attakai & Rita Attakai *
 17. Alexander Sage, veteran
- IV. **REVIEW/ADOPT AGENDA & LEAVE OPEN:**
 1. Ronald Little, veteran motioned to approve Agenda & Elroy Gonnig, veteran second to adopt Agenda and no questions from the floor and no additions noted: Vote 12/0/02 and motion carried.
 2. Received Report by LMVO Commander, that Ms. Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander formally notified him, she will be resigning from her Vice Commander position with the LMVO immediately for personal relocation to Flagstaff, Arizona.
 3. Action taken by the LMVO, in lieu of the LMVO Vice Commander resignation (Ms. Christen Ben) Motion by Elroy Gonnig to approve Evelyn Begay as the pro tempore Vice



Commander one serving on a limited time for the meeting with stipend eligibility. Second by Phoebe Begay, SS. Vote 9/0/01 and motion carried.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. December 08, 2025, Scheduled LMVO Meeting this date @ 1000 AM.
2. December 15, 2025, LMC Meeting at 0900 AM.
3. December 18, 2025, LMVO Keshmish Dinner.
4. December 21, 2025, Winter Begins (Nilch'ih tsoh/Big WIND).
5. December 24, 2025, Keshmish Eve.
6. December 25, Keshmish Day.
7. December 29, 2025, Christmas Celebration Low Mountain Chapter
8. December 31, 2025, New Years Eve.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander provided his Report and in order of business were as follows; November '2025 Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) Meeting, the highlight of this meeting, Andy Nez's Legislation: "A formal Program under the NN Government." Military Clothing supply items picked up from Agency Veterans Office and delivered (12/08/25) to Chapter veterans meeting site and were distributed by choice after the veteran's meeting.

The LMVO Veterans List needs taking up again for review, discussion and to confirm a one definite veterans list of local registered and enrolled community veterans being served by the NNVA. Recommendations were to consider meeting with the NNVA Central Agency VSO and the AMS staff. The LMVO members are wary of possible deceptions by non-approved or vetted veterans needing critical reviews and evaluations for official approval or acceptance for the LMVO membership. A memorandum will be drafted to the NNVA Central Agency office regarding this matter. We need a system for or act of selecting thoroughly vetted members for the LMVO.

2. Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander excused from this day's meeting. Resigning as the LMVO Vice Commander.
3. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder, provided his support for upgrading the LMVO Veterans List to need improvement for better usefulness by the veteran's organization, Provided a summary of the "Potential Difference" that can be made of the Low Mountain Veterans Organization, to develop becoming actual, the possibilities exist and we are capable of committing to become better organized, the work required are patience, commitments, supporting one another, our ideas, etc. Some of us, have come from May 8, 1990, the initial formation of the LMVA, I and my late comrade, Benedict Gonnig and a few others provided their support to the group of the potential differences that can be made to start the LMVA. "We are an organization that can be developed to become an associative veteran's group, we are capable to join in a companionship or partnership of forming a veterans association becoming an actual veteran's organization. We've the possibilities, and we need to self-commit to work together to support one another. The Low Mountain Veterans Association (LMVA) was formed."

Today, we are the Low Mountain Veterans Organization (LMVO) and the "Potential Differences" can still be made, to strive committing to become better organized again. The LMVO as January 1, 2026, will be 35 years 7 months 25 days old with difference between May 8, 1990, and January 1, 2026. Basically, the LMVO Veterans List requires a precise or definite clear improvements typically designating an identified or immediately identifiable list of veterans whether that's 1 – 50 or any additions as of January 1, 2026. All future addendums beyond this date will require an acknowledgement by the LMVO and approval by the CNVO and Agency Veteran's Office.

4. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President, No Report
5. Paula S. Begay, VSO Not Present NNVA Central Agency Office
6. Benjamin Benallie, AMS Not Present NNVA Central Agency Office
7. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist, Not Present

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. LMVO-2026-01: LMVO Plan of Operation/Unfinished Business Deferment item discussed and taken up for approval. Motion by Calvin Chee, veteran to consider and approve LMVO-2026-01, Second by Ronald Little, veteran. Vote: 13/0/02 and motion carried.
2. LMVO Veterans List Update/Discussion. See Roger B. George's Report Section VI § (3) 2nd paragraph; "Basically, the LMVO Veterans List requires a precise or definite Clear improvements typically an identified or immediately identifiable list of veterans whether that's 1 – 50 or any additions as of January 1, 2026. All future addendums beyond this date will require an acknowledgement by the LMVO and approval by the CNVO and the Agency Veterans Office." A Meeting will need to be scheduled with the NNVA Central Agency Office including Ms. Bobbie Baldwin, NNVA Executive Director. A memorandum to be drafted to request this meeting with the agency staff.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Optional Use Chapter Veteran Funds: Kurt James, LMC Secretary/Treasurer provided commentary remarks related to Chapter policy requirements for Chapter Veterans Fund use as follows; LMVO/LMC FY 2025 Carryover Amount \$12,134.17 Plus FY 2026 Allocation \$5,000.00 = New Balance \$17,134.17.
 - A. Gift Awards > 3 price quotes
 - B. Catering > 3 price quotes
 - C. Office Supplies 3 price quotes
 - D. NOTE: Low Mountain Chapter Monthly Check-Printing 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - E. Orders don't need Resolutions
 - F. Veteran Homes
 - G. Work Order
 - H. LMVO Christmas Dinner Plans December 18, 2025; Evelyn Begay, Widow assigned to obtain priced quoted food commodities from 3 vendors as Bashas' plus 2 additional food markets as required by the Low Mountain Chapter to select 1 food vendor that's the least quoted price to purchase food items for the LMVO Christmas Dinner. The Dinner was held as scheduled and the preplans was approved with a motion by Elroy Gonnig, veteran and second by Phoebe Begay, Widow. Vote: 14/00/01 and motion carried.

2. INTEREST Honor Guard Procedures 5 – 6 Veteran Volunteers?

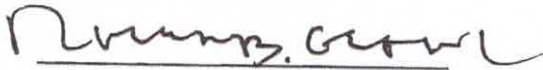
Calvin Chee, veteran & Elroy Gonnig, veteran provided general information on color Honor Guard Uniform supplies, belts, Gloves, Boots + Flags and Banners purchase from North face and Bear Skin companies. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander, took the duty to check with or seek military companies, vendors or sellers of military dress, uniforms, apparels, etc. and related purchasing cost or estimates. This will be a long-range or long-term planning constituting a financial obligation based on funding or funds availability and steady in purpose 1 – 3 years and/or training progressions.

IX. **OTHERS:** None

X. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2026, at 1000 AM.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Melvin Harrison, Commander adjourned the Regular Veterans Meeting at 12:49 PM, Evelyn Begay, widow motioned to adjourn the veteran's meeting, second by Elroy Gonnig, veteran. Vote: 14/00/01 and motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by



Roger B. George
LMVO Recorder